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# *Commission Members* **At a Glance**



**T**he Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice considers every person within the Commission to be an important part of the team. One person's success is everyone's. Each person's responsibilities are critical to the overall efforts of the Commission.

To help you contact the individual in the Commission who can provide the most immediate assistance, we have published this Staff member personnel booklet.

**Michele M. Christiansen — Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice**

Michele Christiansen attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1992. After graduation, she attended the University of Utah College of Law and received her Juris Doctorate degree in 1995. She was a William H. Leary scholar and served as a member of the Law Review while attending law school. Michele clerked for the Honorable Tena Campbell, United States District Court Judge for the District of Utah from 1995-1996.

After clerking for Judge Campbell, she worked as an associate attorney for the law firm of Parsons Behle and Latimer in the Natural Resources and Litigation Departments for two years. In 1998, Michele moved to the United States Attorney's Office to take a position as an Assistant United States Attorney. For nearly five years, Michele prosecuted cases involving crimes against children and other violent crime cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office. She also served as a volunteer Guardian ad litem for the Administrative Office of the Courts, volunteered as a judge pro tempore for Salt Lake City Justice Court, and sat on the Utah State Bar's Ethics and Discipline Committee.



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Susan is the Director of the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council. Her duties include coordinating with the council and its committees in creating, disseminating and implementing statewide substance abuse and anti-violence policies. Susan works with the Legislature in passing laws that address current public health and safety concerns. Her work also encompasses promoting collaboration between public and private partnerships and the day-to-day management of federal grant programs that fund drug abuse prevention, interdiction and treatment programs throughout Utah. Susan earned her M.A. from the University of Utah in 1990.



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### Reg Garff – Anti-Violence Coordinator, Juvenile Justice Specialist

Reg Garff serves in a dual capacity as Anti-Violence Coordinator and Juvenile Justice Specialist. He provides training and technical assistance to local communities on crime, violence and gang prevention and intervention strategies. He manages state gang and crime prevention grants as well as federal juvenile justice grants. Reg received his M.P.A., emphasis in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Utah. He has worked in the criminal justice system for more than 10 years at both the local and state levels and enjoys working with a variety of people and programs.

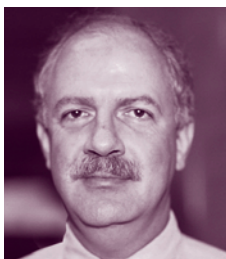


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### Mike Haddon — Director, Research and Data

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Briant J. Smith is the Budget and Accounting Officer for the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. In this position, he prepares the annual budgets for the Commission, USAAV, Sentencing Commission and Extraditions. He is responsible for the accounting of State funds and Federal Grant funds associated with the CCJJ. Briant compiles and submits Federal quarterly financial reports to the Department of Justice, reconciles all CCJJ financial statements, handles the receipt of extradition reimbursements, reviews cash disbursements, accounts for fixed assets, and manages the records system. He also acts as backup for personnel responsible for payroll, travel, human resources, and supports the Grant Monitor with respect to federal and state grant programs financial reporting and compliance issues.



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Doreen Weyland is the Grants Specialist for the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. She assists recipients of Federal Justice Grants and Utah State Grants to provide accurate financial and performance reports. On-site visits with the subgrantees ensure compliance with pertinent laws, regulations, standards and programmatic integrity. Doreen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix, as well as a Paralegal Certificate and Category II Peace Officer certification from the Salt Lake Community College.

**Jennifer Hemenway—Programmer Analyst**

Jennifer Hemenway is responsible for technology project coordination within the Commission, where she has worked over eleven years. Currently, she is participating with other state criminal justice agencies to develop WEB based tools for justice professionals. Her duties include: the criminal justice integration project, the justice court automation taskforce and the criminal history record improvement project. Before joining the State, Jennifer owned her own Information Technology consulting firm. She is a graduate of the University of Utah with degrees in Economics and Mathematics.



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David Walsh has been employed with the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) since 1983. He serves in a dual role for CCJJ and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB). In his role as Director of Programs and Budget for CCJJ, David oversees budgeting, financial reporting, personnel administration and monitoring of federal grants. As a policy analyst for GOPB, David reviews budget requests, legislation, and programs for courts, adult corrections, youth corrections, and the parole board. A key duty and responsibility for GOPB is to make annual budget recommendations to the governor as well as assist criminal and juvenile justice related agencies identify programs which are successful and worthy of continued and enhanced funding. In addition to his current work experience, David has prior work experience in California and Kansas State government since his graduation from Brigham Young University with a BA in political science and masters in public administration.



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### Richard P. Ziebarth—Information Analyst/Program Manager

Richard Ziebarth has been a member of the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice for the past three and half years and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration. In that time he has served as the Technology Grant Programs Manager and worked with the Research and Data Department. Starting in August of 2000, Richard began service as the program manager for the Byrne Formula Grant Program. The Byrne grant serves all facets of the criminal justice system with special emphasis on drug interdiction and treatment, prevention and control of violent crime, and improving the function of the criminal justice system.

In addition to the Byrne grant, Richard also serves as program manager for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG), the Bulletproof Vest Program (BVP), and the National Incident Base Reporting System (NIBRS) grant program. Each of these smaller grant programs complements the efforts of the Byrne grant and serve State and local government agencies in an effort to improve Utah's Criminal Justice System.



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Diane Ngatuvai is an Executive Secretary for the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Working at CCJJ since 1994, Diane coordinates meetings and provides minutes for the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council (USAAV), as well as maintaining the statewide county Alcohol Funds Distribution Reports. Diane attended Iowa State University and Brigham Young University-Hawaii.



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